REMARKS

Initially, Applicant has included a claim of priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/779,021 filed on February 7, 2001 which, in turn, claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/235,593 filed on January 22, 1999 which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/072,406 filed on January 23, 1998.

With respect to the Specification, Applicant has amended page 4, lines 22 and 26 to make the appropriate reference numeral corrections to the front and outer edges depicted in Fig. 1. These inconsistencies were noted during the prosecution of Applicant's parent application. In particular, Applicant has changed "front edge 54" to --front edge 45 -- and "outer edge 56" to --outer edge 46--. Applicant has also changed "ball shaft 35" to --ball shaft 34--.

Applicant has also included formal drawings for publication purposes in accordance with 37 CFR 1.84.

Claims 1-12 have been canceled and new claim 13 has been presented to better encompass the full scope and breadth of Applicant's disclosure as originally disclosed in the Specification. Claim 13 is believed to be allowable over the prior art references of record since none of the prior art devices teach or suggest such a novel combination of elements contained within this claim.

Early and favorable consideration of claim 13 is earnestly solicited.

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